



Writing Subtraction Sentences to 20

Grade 2

Name: _____

Read each story. Write the subtraction sentence and solve.

Use counting, crossing out, or draw tens/ones to help. For picture items, write the matching subtraction sentence.

Example: $7 - 3 = 4$. Answer: 4

(1) There were 12 red apples in a basket. Sarah ate 5 of them.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🍏}$$

(2) A baker made 14 cookies. He sold 6 cookies. _____ -

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🍪}$$

(3) There were 11 birds on a wire. 3 birds flew away. _____ -

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🐦}$$

(4) Lily had 15 stickers. She gave 7 stickers to her friend.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🌟}$$

(5) A pond had 13 frogs. 8 frogs hopped into the water. _____

$$- \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🐸}$$

(6) Mark had 10 toy cars. He lost 4 of them. _____ -

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🚗}$$




(7) There were 12 balloons at the party. 7 balloons popped.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$


(8) Mom bought 14 oranges. We ate 9 oranges for breakfast.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$


(9) A tree had 11 leaves. The wind blew 6 leaves off. -

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$


(10) There were 13 pencils in the box. John used 5 pencils.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$